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## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION & USABLE LATEX PAINT EXCHANGE IN SEPTEMBER SAME DAY - TWO LOCATIONS

Two separate pollution prevention events on Saturday, September 18, will provide Lancaster County residents opportunities to safely dispose of both household hazardous waste and excess usable latex paint.

**HHW Collection:** On Saturday, September 18, Lincoln Industries, 600 West E Street, will partner with the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department to host a Household Hazardous Waste collection from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Households (not businesses) can bring fluorescent bulbs (CFLs) and tubes, pesticides, paint thinners, stains, polishes and waxes, turpentine, oil-based paint, pool cleaning chemicals, flea and tick powders, rodent poison, charcoal starter fluids, mixed or old gasoline, mercury-containing items including thermometers, upholstery cleaners, grease removers and brake and power steering fluids.

Items that can be recycled or safely disposed of locally will not be accepted at the HHW collection. These include latex paint, motor oil, gas grill cylinders, pharmaceutical waste, electronics, and batteries. For more information about the HHW event, call 441-8021; for recycling options for materials not accepted, check the on-line "Guide to Recycling" at [www.lincoln.ne.gov](http://www.lincoln.ne.gov) (keyword: *recycling*). Participants at the collections will receive a copy of this Waste Disposal and Recycling guide.

**Paint Exchange:** Also on Saturday, September 18, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., any Lancaster County resident can bring unwanted usable latex paint to the Usable Latex Paint Exchange at EcoStores Nebraska, 530 West P Street. Households and individuals (not businesses) may donate paint in cans without rust or leaks. The cans must be at least half full with intact, readable labels; the paint cannot be lumpy when stirred, and should not have been frozen. EcoStores will dispose of unusable

paint for \$2 per gallon, or will provide instructions about safely drying out the paint and disposing of it in the regular trash. Excess paint should never be dumped in the street, as the storm drains provide a path to local waterways, ponds, and lakes, impacting water quality and harming aquatic wildlife.

Anyone—including homeowners, schools, churches, businesses, organizations, childcare centers, and landlords—can *take* free paint from the exchange. Exterior and interior latex paint in a variety of colors will be available. Call EcoStores Nebraska at 477-3606 for more information or visit their website at <http://www.ecostoresne.org/>.

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